

# Predeparture Passenger Baggage Inspection Notice For Travelers from Aruba to the United States

American agriculture is under constant threat of attack from countless enemies. These enemies are often microscopic and include plant pests and diseases. Every traveler entering the United States may unknowingly carry these hitchhikers that could seriously damage American agriculture across U.S. borders.

All traveler baggage flying from Aruba to the U.S. mainland is subject to predeparture inspection. These inspections take place prior to departure at the airport by inspectors from the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Please be prepared to open and close your own baggage.

If you have any agricultural items with you, please tell the inspector. Failure to do so can result in delays and fines of \$1,000 or more.

## **Agricultural Items from Aruba Permitted into the United States** (after inspection)

Aloe vera  
Bamboo leaves, dried  
Banana leaves  
Beans (out of pod or shell)  
Cannonball fruit  
Citrus leaves, cured and dried  
Coconuts without the husk or "milk"  
Corn smut galls  
Cucumbers  
Cyperus corn  
Flowers, fresh-cut or dried  
Herbs, dried or cured (subject to inspection)  
Garden melons  
Garlic cloves (free of papery skin)  
Lily bulb, edible  
Macadamia kernels (no husk or shell)  
Maguay leaves  
Matsutake  
Mushrooms, fresh

Peanuts  
Pet birds—Entry requirements vary depending on the origin of the bird. Please consult USDA APHIS' Publication 1083 "Travelers' Tips" for details on the entry requirements for pet birds.  
Plant cuttings (except sugarcane, cotton, and sweet potato, subject to inspection)  
Plants without soil (subject to inspection)  
Seeds, dried  
Snail shells, if empty and thoroughly cleaned  
Singhara nut  
St. John's bread  
Tamarind bean pods  
Tomatoes  
Truffles  
Water chestnuts  
*Note:* Commercially canned and thoroughly cooked foods are permitted. All permissible agricultural products are subject to inspection.

## **Agricultural Items from Aruba Not Permitted into the United States**

Cotton and sweet potato cuttings  
Citrus leaves, fresh  
Herbs, fresh  
Fruits, fresh—All fruits are prohibited except those on the above list.  
Insects, live  
Meats  
Plants in soil or on endangered list—Please contact the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service for a listing of endangered plants.  
Seed cotton and cottonseed  
Snails (land)  
Soil  
Sugarcane  
Sweet potatoes and other vegetables, fresh—All vegetables are prohibited except those on the above list.

Lists are subject to change. For more information, visit the USDA/APHIS office at the Queen Beatrix Airport, U.S. Terminal, Oranjestad, Aruba, or write to the USDA/APHIS office at:  
USDA, APHIS, IS—Aruba  
Dept. # 06-0141B  
8401 N.W. 17th Street  
Miami, FL 33126

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(297) 887-640 or (297)887-635.

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